

SIGMA XI Member Newsletter



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Save the Date for the Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference

Get your calendar and reserve November 6-9 for Sigma Xi's 2014 Annual Meeting, to be held in Glendale, Arizona, at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the [Student Research Conference](#) on November 7-8.

You can [get details on this year's Annual Meeting](#) and [sign up for meeting alerts](#).

More information will be coming soon!

Photo: Sigma Xi's 2014 award winners and honorary members who will speak at the Annual Meeting include, from top left, Rosalind W. Picard, Thomas H. Epps, III, David Rosner, Jenny Glusker, Derek Muller, and Michael Stevens.



Look for Your Dues Notice in the Mail

Sigma Xi's dues schedule is run on a fiscal year that begins each July 1. Dues renewal notices will be mailed soon to members whose active membership expires June 30, 2014.

Within your dues notice, you will have the option to purchase a print subscription to *American Scientist* and to make a donation to your Society.

If you prefer, you may [make your dues payment online](#).

You will need your member number, located in the upper right side of this e-mail, to complete payment



Dates to Remember

April 6-8, 2014:
[Conrad Foundation's 2014 Innovation Summit](#)

April 23-27, 2014:
[USA Science & Engineering Festival](#)

November 6-9, 2014:
[Sigma Xi's 2014 Annual Meeting](#)

November 7-8, 2014:
[Sigma Xi's 2014 Student Research Conference](#)



Contact Us

We welcome any comments or concerns you may have as a member. For staff assistance, or to share your ideas, please e-mail us at memberinfo@sigmaxi.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

and update your contact information. If you are viewing the web version of this message and need your member number, call (800) 243-6534.

Your annual dues support our mission to enhance the health of the research enterprise, foster integrity in science and engineering, and promote the public's understanding of science for the purpose of improving the human condition. Thank you for your sustaining membership in Sigma Xi.



Survey on Science Communication is Coming Your Way

Sigma Xi President Linda Meadows and Executive Director Jerry Baker ask that members complete a survey, which will be e-mailed this week.

Questions on the survey relate to *American Scientist*, science communication and social media, science and policy, communication with the public, and peer communication. Your feedback will help Sigma Xi create a white paper on science communication in the 21st century.

Please complete the survey by May 1.

FINAL DEADLINE: April 1 for \$10,000 Ferst Award

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society invites nominations for the prestigious Monie A. Ferst Award, which honors researchers in science and engineering who have made notable contributions to the motivation and encouragement of research through education.



Sponsored by the Georgia Tech Chapter of Sigma Xi, this national award consists of a medal and \$10,000.

In addition, a day-long symposium is held in the fall semester each year at Georgia Tech to highlight the achievements of the winner's former students, post-docs, and other significant mentees. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses of the winner and symposium presenters are also covered as part of the award.

More information about the award, submission of nominations, and past winners can be found [here](#).

Nomination packages should be submitted electronically to Rick Neu at rick.neu@gatech.edu by April 1, 2014.

Photo: Rodney J. Clifton, a professor of engineering at Brown University, was last year's recipient of the Monie A. Ferst Award.

***American Scientist* Promotes Women in Science**

ScienceOnline Together, a national conference of science communicators, was held February 26-March 1 at North Carolina State University. The associate editor of *American Scientist*, Dr. Katie Burke, led a session titled "Women In Science: Reaching Equilibrium."

[See American Scientist's webpage for articles about women in science.](#)

A major component of ScienceOnline Together was social media. Today's engineers and scientists see promotion of their research as critical to achieving new funding opportunities and career advancement, and social media is a critical part of that promotion. Sigma Xi will host a workshop at the Annual Meeting to discuss how social media can impact science.

New Affinity Rewards Credit Card

Sigma Xi and UMB CardPartner have joined forces to launch the [Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card](#).



For the life of the card program, Sigma Xi will receive a portion of every dollar that each cardholder charges. The Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card offers qualified cardholders exceptional benefits including competitive rates and terms.

"Using The Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card for everyday purchases is an easy way for members to sustain Sigma Xi's multitude of programs," said Jasmine Shah, director of budget and finance/office support and administration at Sigma Xi.

[Find out more about The Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card and apply online.](#)

Print Editions of *American Scientist* Are Available

A digital subscription to *American Scientist* is one of your benefits as a due-paying member. If you prefer print copies, you may purchase a print subscription for \$20 (domestic members), \$28 (Canadian members), or \$36 (all other members).



[Click here to subscribe to the print edition.](#)

Use Your Member Benefits: Long-Term Care Resources

Long-term care insurance is not simply "nursing home" coverage, but insurance that helps assure you of continued independence as you age, without depleting the personal assets you've worked hard to acquire.



Long-Term Care Resources has partnered with Sigma Xi to offer a comprehensive Long-Term Care Program. Sigma Xi members are entitled to a special discount on certain LTC plans.

Call Long-Term Care Resources today to receive a free Sigma Xi Long-Term Care Planning Kit. To speak with an authorized LTC specialist in your area, please contact LTCR Toll Free at (888) 866-0620 or [visit them on the web](#).

Join Our Social Media Network

Sigma Xi is moving forward with a new social media strategy that will include online communities. These communities will launch with our new website later this year.

In the meantime, connect with us through social media:



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